

Review Staff: 75/2669
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: HSC Proprietaries/Sanitization Problems

25X1 1. Mattox, Zeune, [] and I met 25 August to discuss Field's 15 August request for all proprietaries in true name and much other unsanitized material. We had negotiated this request at an earlier meeting and arrived at an agreement recorded in my 19 August letter to Field. Mattox now said that his authority to negotiate had been withdrawn. The original request stood. He had no negotiating room and he felt that Field and Donner probably had none either. He said we were in a power struggle between the legislative and executive branches in which Congress via appropriations and oversight was going to regain control of all intelligence activities. He suggested we go immediately to Colby for a decision on whether we would supply true names. I said we first would discuss this with the HSC Staff Director and DCI's Special Counsel.

25X1 25X1 2. Donner, Field, Boos, Mattox, Zeune, [] and I met late that afternoon at the Rayburn Building. [] made it clear that if they made a blanket request for names they would have to go the subpoena route and endure a protracted struggle. Without prejudice to their original request, Donner agreed to accept initially an expanded explanation in cryptonym of each of [] proprietaries. From these, Mattox will select those which he thinks would be fruitful for further investigation and which he has time to cope with. We will then provide them with whatever material (sanitized) they need. As an evidence of good faith, [] will supply them with an example of how much we intend to provide from one case that he will select. 25X1

3. Donner proposed that we clear two people to have free access to unsanitized proprietary information here at Headquarters. Notes would remain at Headquarters. Ultimate treatment of names was left undetermined. (There is some precedent for this in our allowing Senate

25X1 staffers free access to assassination papers. [redacted] reaction is "Absolutely negative" and "I can't live with it".) [redacted] promised to let the Committee know by Wednesday when they could expect a decision on this proposal.

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4. In the course of this discussion, Donner repeated the theme that legislative oversight had to be accompanied by effective control and knowledge of where the money was going. Field indicated their interest in proprietaries was primarily on whether they operated domestically for political purposes.

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